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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Motoo KOYAMA, et al.

Serial No. 09/836,430

Group Art Unit: 2851

Confirmation No.: 6838

Filed: April 18, 2001

Examiner: Hung Nguyen

For: OPTICAL APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 28, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to July 28, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted* signed January 31, 2003, the remarks and amendments to the claims and specification are enclosed on separate sheets.

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